

Roberts	Secrest
Rogers	Shireman
of Childress	Weinert
Rogers of Travis	Willis

Absent

Hazlewood

Absent—Excused

Corbin	Wagonseller
Strauss	

The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Reports of Standing Committee

Senator Rogers of Travis by unanimous consent submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,
April 6, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred H. B. No. 10, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

ROGERS of Travis, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
April 6, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred S. B. No. 284, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass, and be printed.

ROGERS of Travis, Chairman.

C. S. S. B. No. 284 was read first time.

Austin, Texas,
April 6, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred H. B. No. 237, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the

recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

ROGERS of Travis, Chairman.

House Bills and Resolution on First Reading

The following bills and resolution received from the House were read first time and referred to the committees indicated:

H. B. No. 654, To the Committee on Insurance.

H. B. No. 308, To the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 223, To the Committee on Game and Fish.

H. B. No. 204, To the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 41, To the Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 9, To the Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 142, To the Committee on State Affairs.

H. J. R. No. 9, To the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

H. B. No. 847, To the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 690, To the Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 336, To the Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 683, To the Committee on Insurance.

H. B. No. 647, To the Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 495, To the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

Recess

On motion of Senator Weinert, the Senate at 12:37 o'clock p. m., took recess until 10:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

FORTY-FOURTH DAY

(Continued)

(Thursday, April 7, 1955)

After Recess

The President called the Senate to order at 10:30 o'clock a. m. today.

Leave of Absence

Senator Ratliff was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Hardeman.

Reports of Standing Committees

Senator Hardeman, by unanimous consent, submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,
April 7, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 385, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
April 7, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 388, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
April 7, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 384, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
April 7, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 391, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
April 7, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred H. B. No. 142, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
April 7, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 230, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
April 7, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred H. B. No. 41, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
April 7, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred S. B. No. 228, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass and be not printed, but that committee substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman.

C. S. S. B. No. 228 was read the first time.

Austin, Texas,
April 7, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred H. B. No. 107, have had the same under

consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
April 7, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred H. B. No. 102, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HARDEMAN, Chairman.

Senator Lane by unanimous consent submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,
April 7, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. C. R. No. 37, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

LANE, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
April 7, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred S. C. R. No. 36, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

LANE, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,
April 7, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred H. B. No. 279, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

LANE, Chairman.

Senate Bill 391 Ordered Not Printed

On motion of Senator Strauss and by unanimous consent, S. B. No. 391 was ordered not printed.

(Senator Aikin in the Chair.)

Presentation of Guests

Senator Rogers of Travis, by unanimous consent, presented students of the Hutto Elementary School and their teacher, Mr. Chapman, to the Members of the Senate.

Senate Resolution 204

Senator Willis offered the following resolution:

Whereas, It has come to the attention of the Members of the Senate, 54th Legislature, State of Texas, that the employees of the United States Post Office Department have not received an increase in pay for several years; and

Whereas, The last pay increase was not commensurate with increased costs of living and all living costs have greatly increased during the last several years, and the salaries of postal employees are entirely too low to meet the present high costs of living; and

Whereas, the postal employees of Texas have rendered fine and efficient service to our great State and constitute a fine, loyal and hard-working organization of Government employees; and

Whereas, There is now pending before the Congress of the United States a bill or bills to raise the wages of postal employees; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Members of the Texas Senate, That the Texas Delegation in Congress be asked to support and vote for salary increases for the postal employees that will be commensurate with their increased costs of living.

That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to each member of the Texas Delegation in Congress.

WILLIS

CORBIN

ROGERS of Childress

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Record of Vote

Senator Lock asked unanimous consent to be recorded as voting "nay" on the adoption of the above resolution.

Senate Resolution 205

Senator Martin offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the gallery the students of the

5th and 6th grades of the Venus Elementary School, accompanied by Mrs. Jim Vail, and 7 other sponsors; and

Whereas, These students and guests are on an educational tour of the Capitol Building and the Capital City; and

Whereas, This fine class of young American citizens is here to observe and learn firsthand the workings of their State Government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we officially recognize and welcome this class and commend them for their interest, and that a copy of this resolution, properly endorsed, bearing the official seal of the Senate, be mailed to them in recognition of their visit.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Martin, by unanimous consent, presented the students and Mrs. Vail and other sponsors to the Members of the Senate.

Senate Resolution 206

Senator Fly offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the gallery the Seventh Grade History Class of the Goliad Intermediate School of Goliad, Texas, accompanied by Mrs. Helen Torian, Mrs. Adolphine Chance, Mrs. Addie Spangle; and

Whereas, These students and guests are on an educational tour of the Capitol Building and the Capital City; and

Whereas, These fine young American citizens are here to observe and learn firsthand the workings of their State Government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we officially recognize and welcome this class and commend them for their interest, and that a copy of this resolution, properly endorsed, bearing the official seal of the Senate, be mailed to them in recognition of their visit.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Fly, by unanimous consent, presented the students and the teachers to the Members of the Senate.

Senate Bill 392 on First Reading

Senator Kelley moved that Senate Rule 114 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended to permit his introducing at this time,

a bill, the provisions of which he explained.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—25

Aikin	Moffett
Ashley	Moore
Bracewell	Owen
Colson	Parkhouse
Corbin	Phillips
Fly	Roberts
Kazen	Rogers
Kelley	of Childress
Lane	Rogers of Travis
Latimer	Secrest
Lock	Shireman
Martin	Strauss
McDonald	Willis

Nays—1

Hardeman

Absent

Fuller	Weinert
Hazlewood	

Absent—Excused

Ratliff	Wagonseller
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The following bill was then introduced, read first time and referred to the committee indicated:

By Senator Kelley:

S. B. No. 392, A bill to be entitled "An Act making permanent the Special 138th District Court and the Special 139th District Court created by Chapter 57, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, First Called Session, such permanent courts to be known as the 138th District Court and the 139th District Court; repealing Section 3 of Article III and amending Articles I and II and portions of Article III of Chapter 57, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, First Called Session, 1954, to accomplish the above change; providing for the selection and tenure of the judges of these permanent district courts and for payment of their salaries and expenses; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Judicial Districts.

Senate Bill 15 with House Amendments

Senator Martin called S. B. No. 15 from the President's table for consideration of the House amendments to the bill.

The Presiding Officer laid the bill and House amendments before the Senate, and the House amendments were read.

Senator Martin moved that the Senate concur in the House amendments.

The motion prevailed.

(President in the Chair.)

Senate Bill 393 on First Reading

Senator Strauss, by unanimous consent, introduced a local bill, the provisions of which he explained.

The bill was read first time and was referred to the committee indicated.

By Senator Strauss:

S. B. No. 393, A bill to be entitled "An Act limiting the provisions of this Act to the County of Lavaca, making it unlawful, except under the provisions of this Act, for any person to hunt, take, kill or possess, or to attempt to hunt, take, kill or possess, any deer or wild turkey in said county, by any means or method; prescribing the legislative policy with respect to these wildlife resources in said county, conferring upon the Game and Fish Commission authority to regulate, by proclamation, order, rule or regulation, the taking of deer or wild turkey from said county; requiring the Game and Fish Commission to make investigations with respect to the depletion and waste of these wildlife resources of said county; requiring the Commission to provide an open season or period of time when it shall be lawful to take a portion of such resources; defining depletion and waste; providing for the taking of doe deer; providing that public hearings be held; providing for the adoption of proclamations, orders, rules and regulations of the Game and Fish Commission; providing for the effective period of regulations; providing for publication of the regulations; providing that the authority of the Commission is not limited; providing venue for suits to test the validity of this Act and of the rules and regulations of the Commission; providing a penalty for false swearing; providing a penalty for the violation of any of the provisions of this Act as well as any order, rule or regulation of the Commission; providing for the forfeiture of licenses; making it unlawful to purchase a new license

and providing a penalty therefor; providing lawful procedure for killing deer and wild turkey destroying crops and gardens; repealing certain laws; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Game and Fish.

House Bill 270 on Second Reading

On motion of Senator Parkhouse, and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration at this time on its second reading and passage to third reading:

H. B. No. 270, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2767, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended by Chapter 294, Acts, 1927, 40th Legislature, Regular Session, so as to require more signers to the petition and approval by the Board of Trustees before an election for abolishment can be called, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Senator Roberts offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H. B. No. 270 by deleting "and approved by a majority of the trustees of any such district" (lines 24 and 25).

The amendment was adopted.

On motion of Senator Parkhouse, and by unanimous consent, the caption was amended to conform to the body of the bill, as amended.

The bill, as amended, was passed to third reading.

House Bill 270 on Third Reading

Senator Parkhouse moved that Senate Rule 32 and the Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that H. B. No. 270 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—27

Aikin	Hardeman
Ashley	Kazen
Bracewell	Kelley
Colson	Lane
Corbin	Latimer
Fly	Lock
Fuller	Martin

McDonald	Rogers
Moffett	of Childress
Moore	Rogers of Travis
Owen	Secrest
Parkhouse	Shireman
Phillips	Strauss
Roberts	Willis

Absent

Hazlewood	Weinert
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Absent—Excused

Ratliff	Wagonseller
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The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—26

Aikin	Moffett
Ashley	Moore
Bracewell	Owen
Colson	Parkhouse
Corbin	Phillips
Fly	Roberts
Fuller	Rogers
Hardeman	of Childress
Kelley	Rogers of Travis
Lane	Secrest
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Strauss
Martin	Willis
McDonald	

Absent

Hazlewood	Weinert
Kazen	

Absent—Excused

Ratliff	Wagonseller
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Senate Resolution 207

Senator Secrest offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the gallery 26 students from the 7th and 8th grades of Speegleville School, McLennan County, Texas, accompanied by Mrs. Roselyn Johnson and H. A. Bennett, their teachers; and

Whereas, These students and guests are on an educational tour of the Capitol Building and the Capital City; and

Whereas, This fine class of young American citizens is here to observe and learn firsthand the workings of their State Government; now, therefore, be it.

Resolved, That we officially recognize and welcome this class and commend them for their interest, and that a copy of this resolution, properly endorsed, bearing the official seal of the Senate, be mailed to them in recognition of their visit.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Secrest by unanimous consent presented the students and the teachers to the Members of the Senate.

Senate Resolution 208

Senator Bracewell offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the gallery the 8th grade class from the C. E. King Junior High School, Houston, Texas, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Patterson and Mr. Leo Harper, teachers; and

Whereas, These students and guests are on an educational tour of the Capitol Building and the Capital City; and

Whereas, These fine young American citizens are here to observe and learn firsthand the workings of their State Government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we officially recognize and welcome this class and commend them for their interest, and that a copy of this resolution, properly endorsed, bearing the official seal of the Senate, be mailed to them in recognition of their visit.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Bracewell by unanimous consent presented the students and Miss Patterson and Mr. Harper to the Members of the Senate.

(President Pro Tempore in the Chair.)

Message from the House

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
April 7, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. B. No. 8, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing and directing the

Board for Texas State Hospitals and Special Schools to set apart surplus real property owned by the various State Hospitals and Special Schools; establishing a Board to sell such land; providing for a notice for bids; providing for receiving of bids; providing for acceptance of bids and execution of necessary deeds to highest bidder; creating a fund; providing for expenditures out of said fund; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 50, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for a closed season in Collin County upon quail and squirrel until January 1, 1958, providing a penalty, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 95, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1919, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended; prescribing that the terms of all district courts, including criminal district courts, shall be continuous; providing for as many sessions of court in any county as the judge deems proper and authorizing him to adopt rules and regulations relating thereto; providing for trial of certain cases and performance of certain acts by district judges, including visiting judges, in any county in their respective districts; validating certain orders heretofore entered; making certain actions and proceedings taken before the effective date of this Act valid for the next succeeding terms as established by this Act; providing for the continuation of terms until expiration under existing laws for courts which are in session when this Act takes effect; repealing conflicting laws; and fixing the effective date of this Act."

H. B. No. 75, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1 of Chapter 44 of the Acts of the Fifty-third Legislature, First Called Session, 1954, to delete all reference to population of county; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 96, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the State Board of Education to contract for the re-binding and rehabilitation of free textbooks used in the free public school system of Texas; prescribing the procedure for calling of bids and the awarding of contracts on all such books or designated classifications of same; providing for a bidder's bond; providing for a performance bond by each successful bidder; requiring ap-

proval of such contracts in compliance with Article XVI, Section 21, Constitution of Texas; providing the Attorney General shall prepare the contract form(s), and when requested by the State Board of Education, shall file suit against any such contractor for breach of contract; providing for the preparation and availability of specifications and stipulations to constitute a part of the contract by incorporation or copy attachment; providing textbooks may be restored for use and rehabilitated by and under the supervision of the Texas Education Agency when the same do not need re-binding; providing authority heretofore existing and recognized in the State Board of Control to execute such contracts shall be superceded by the authority granted herein to the State Board of Education; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 168, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 50 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas prescribing the duties of the Chief Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture; providing a saving clause; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 207, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to the Board of Education of the Houston Independent School District; amending Section 27, Chapter 91, Acts of the 38th Legislature, 1923, so as to provide for publication of notice of a bond election in a newspaper or newspapers that is or are not printed on Sunday; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 210, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Subsection 6 of Section 1 of Chapter 544 of the Acts of the 47th Legislature, Regular Session, 1941, as amended by Chapter 351 of the Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953, and codified as Subsection 6 of Section 1 of Article 2654c of Vernon's Civil Statutes, to provide that the provisions thereof as to payment of tuition by members of the armed forces shall not apply to certain members thereof; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 287, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for additional compensation for the County Judge of Lubbock County for serving as a member of the County Juvenile Board; naming the fund out of which the additional compensation shall be payable; providing that this

Act shall be cumulative of existing laws; providing for a severability clause; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 297, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the appointment of two chief deputies for the assessor and collector of taxes in each county of this State having a population of 150,000 inhabitants or more, to be known as the chief deputy assessor and the chief deputy collector; providing for their compensation and method of appointment; providing that this Act shall be cumulative of existing laws; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 335, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the return of persons released from State Mental Hospitals to the committing county; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 345, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Board of Supervisors of fresh water supply districts situated in counties having a population of eight hundred thousand or more according to the last preceding federal census, which fresh water supply districts have no outstanding bonded debt, and which districts are not levying any ad valorem taxes to pay operating expenses of the district, may, either upon petition, or upon their own motion, order an election for the purpose of determining whether or not said existing district shall be divided into two districts, with two Boards of Supervisors; or, whether such districts shall exclude territory described by metes and bounds in the order calling said election; providing for the method, time and manner of holding such an election or elections; providing for the government of the successor district or districts; for the preservation of the properties and the proper administration thereof; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 366, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 3, Article 117, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, by adding thereto a clause permitting the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Texas to enter into a cooperative agreement, for the purposes set forth therein, with any Texas firm, corporation or association organized for that purpose, and/or the United States Department of Agriculture, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 388, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the fingerprinting, identification and reporting of all felony cases in which the defendant seeks, or is afforded, the benefits of the Suspended Sentence Laws and the Adult Probation and Parole Law of this State; providing that the fingerprinting of the defendant and the reporting to the Department of Public Safety of such cases shall be a prerequisite to the granting of a suspended sentence, probated sentence, or the probation of the defendant; providing that this Act shall not repeal the Suspended Sentence Law nor the Adult Probation and Parole Law but shall be in addition thereto; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 414, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 63 of the Election Code of the State of Texas, as enacted by Chapter 492, Acts of the 52nd Legislature, 1951 and codified as Article 6.07 of the Election Code in Vernon's Civil Statutes so as to allow the Secretary of State to contract with any statewide association of daily and weekly newspapers in Texas for publication of constitutional amendments; containing a severability clause; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 471, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that in each county in this State having a population of six hundred thousand inhabitants or more according to the last preceding Federal census the commissioners' court may furnish the constables thereof two-way radios to be used in connection with the performance of their official duties regardless of whether the constables drive county vehicles or their own personal vehicles; providing that the cost of the two-way radios, the installation thereof, all necessary repairs and other expenses in connection therewith shall be paid out of the general fund of the county; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 476, A bill to be entitled "An Act allowing independent school districts to enter into contracts with any attorney of this State for the collection of delinquent taxes; providing for his compensation; making this Act cumulative of all other laws; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 478, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6636 of

the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as to fees of County Clerks relating to Transfers of Judgments; containing a repealing clause and a saving clause; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 498, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 4 of House Bill No. 33, Chapter 99, Acts of the Regular Session of the Fifty-first Legislature, as amended, to authorize the retirement of any person serving twenty-three years and six months or more on one or more courts of the State; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 531, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful to bring or carry intoxicating beverages into any enclosure, stadium or field where athletic events sponsored or participated in by the public schools of this State are being held; providing for and confiscation of such beverages and providing for a penalty for a violation hereof."

H. B. No. 542, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 1056 of the Code of Criminal Procedure as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 379 of the Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953, to increase the pay of jurors in criminal cases in Justice Courts and provide for payment thereof out of the jury fund of the county; and amending Article 2428 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 to increase the pay of jurors in civil cases in Justice Courts and provide for payment thereof out of the jury fund of the county; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 546, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 782, Texas Code of Criminal Procedure so as to provide for a 'judgment and sentence' in misdemeanor cases; providing a definition of such 'judgment and sentence'; providing that wherever the term 'judgment' appears in the laws of the State relating to misdemeanor cases, it shall mean 'judgment and sentence'; making the Act cumulative, but controlling; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 547, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2833, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, providing that any independent school district which under existing laws selects its own treasurer may in lieu of the treasurer's annual report heretofore

required to be filed, file an annual independent audit report prepared and certified by a Texas licensed or certified public accountant; providing the procedure, conditions, nature, minimum requirements of, and time for filing such a permissive audit report; providing for notice of district board's election to file audit report and release of treasurer from filing treasurer report when election is timely made; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 555, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the commissioners' court of any county bordering on the Gulf of Mexico to make permanent improvements relating to sea walls, breakwaters, levees, dikes, floodways, and drainways and make payment for the same; authorizing the issuance of bonds, time warrants, and certificates of indebtedness to pay for said improvements and providing terms and conditions relating thereto; authorizing the refunding of said obligations; providing that this Act shall be cumulative of other laws relating to the subject matter; providing a severability clause; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 570, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 30, Chapter 4, page 602, Acts 1939, Forty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, by adding Subsection (a) to provide for a physical examination of the motor numbers, serial numbers, or permanent identification numbers of all motor vehicles last registered, titled or used in any other state or country; providing that the examinations be made by duly constituted peace officers; providing that the peace officer's certifications of said numbers be made a part of the evidence filed with the applications for certificates of title of said vehicles; providing a saving clause as to the constitutionality; repealing all laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 575, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 465, Acts of the Fifty-first Legislature (being the law creating Eastland County Water Supply District) as amended by Chapter 384, Acts of the Fifty-third Legislature, by making certain changes with reference to the Election of Directors; by expressly authorizing the district to sell any real or personal property not needed by it; and by correcting a typographical error in Section 6 of said law; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 587, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 577 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to authorize dismissal of misdemeanor criminal actions on court's motion; providing for notice, judgment, refile; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 591, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the salary of the District Attorney of the 105th Judicial District of Texas; authorizing the Commissioners Courts of the Counties comprising the 105th Judicial District of Texas to supplement the salary of the District Attorney and providing the method of supplementation; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 594, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the appointment of an investigator by the District Attorney of the Special Judicial District of Midland County; prescribing his powers and duties and providing for his compensation and expenses; authorizing the appointment of an investigator for Midland County by the district attorney of the judicial district exercising jurisdiction in Midland County in the event the Special Judicial District of Midland County is abolished or expires by operation of law; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 595, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 4 of Chapter 125, Acts of the 51st Legislature, Regular Session, 1949, so as to remove the limitation on the period of time for which county hospitals may be leased; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 639, A bill to be entitled "An Act to abolish the office of County Attorney of Polk County; creating the constitutional office of Criminal District Attorney of Polk County; providing for the election and tenure of office and prescribing the qualifications, powers, duties, compensation and expense of said office; providing for the appointment of assistants, investigators, clerks and stenographers and providing for their compensation and prescribing their powers and duties; providing for the appointment of the Criminal District Attorney until the next general election and until his successor shall qualify; providing from the effective date of this Act that the District Attorney of the 9th Judicial District of Texas shall represent the State of Texas only in the 9th Judicial District Court of Texas and in the Special 9th Judicial Dis-

trict Court of Texas in the counties of Waller, Montgomery and San Jacinto and that the provisions of this Act shall not affect the office of District Attorney of the 9th Judicial District of Texas in the counties of Waller, Montgomery and San Jacinto and shall not affect the tenure of office and duties and powers of such District Attorney in said counties of Waller, Montgomery and San Jacinto; providing that the District Attorney of the 9th Judicial District shall be elected for only the counties of Waller, Montgomery and San Jacinto at the next general election and every four years thereafter and divesting the duties and powers of the District Attorney of the 9th Judicial District of Texas to represent the State of Texas in the 9th Judicial District Court and the Special 9th Judicial District Court of Polk County and investing these powers and duties in the Resident Criminal District Attorney of Polk County, Texas; providing for a repealing clause; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 642, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the appointment of one Adult Probation Officer if such an officer has not been assigned to a court and/or district in Travis County as provided by Chapter 452, Acts of the 50th Legislature, 1947; to provide for the appointment of a secretary; to provide for the payment of such salaries of such officer and one secretary and all reasonable and necessary expenses of such officer out of the general fund of the county; to provide qualifications and outline the authority of probation officer; to authorize the Commissioners' Court to amend the county budget for fiscal year of 1955 to provide for the salaries and expenses of such probation officer and his secretary; to provide that nothing herein shall be construed as repealing Chapter 452, Acts of the 50th Legislature, 1947, except as to provide an alternate method of appointment and reimbursement of of a probation officer and his secretary; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 643, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1 of, and adding Section 7a to, Acts 1951, 52nd Legislature, House Bill 275, Chapter 125 as amended by Acts 1953, 53rd Legislature, House Bill 458, Chapter 97, to include Denton County within the provisions of said Act and to provide for public hearing before

adoption of rule, regulation or order; repealing all laws or parts thereof in conflict with this Act; providing effective date of this Act; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 684, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 102, Article 199, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, providing for continuous terms of court for the 102nd Judicial District of Texas, in Red River County; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 702, A bill to be entitled "An Act designed to contribute to the control and prevention of diseases which may be normally transmitted through the medium of food, drink, or utensils, dishes, and serving implements used in connection therewith; defining the term 'food'; prohibiting certain performances and employment of persons infected with transmissible conditions of disease; providing for sanitary requirements and examinations of certain employees and persons; authorizing incorporated cities (including home rule cities) to enact ordinances incidental hereto; providing a penalty for violation of this Act; repealing Chapter 356, Acts of the 45th Legislature, Regular Session, 1939 (codified as Article 705c in Vernon's Texas Penal Code) and all amendments thereto; repealing all other laws in conflict herewith; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 717, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1145 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas by raising the maximum penalty for simple assault or for assault and battery from Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) to One Hundred Dollars (\$100); and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 723, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting the sale of fish taken from the waters of Caddo Lake; providing a penalty for violation; making an exception; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 724, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to expenses of members of the Commissioners' Court in connection with the use of privately owned automobiles for traveling on official business within the county; amending Chapter 456, Acts of the 52nd Legislature, 1951, by adding a new section authorizing an allowance not to exceed \$100 per month for each member of the Commissioners' Court

in counties having a population in excess of 47,000 and having an assessed valuation in excess of forty million dollars; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 725, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining the term 'public securities' as used herein; authorizing the execution of public securities by means of engraved, imprinted, lithographed or otherwise reproduced facsimile of all signatures (except one) required for execution, authentication, certification or endorsement of such securities; declaring the Act to be cumulative; repealing inconsistent provisions of other laws; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 734, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 98, Chapter 62, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session (Article 2779b, V. C. S.), so as to change the amount of the surety bond requirement of the tax assessor-collector of an independent school district having its own tax assessor-collector; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 757, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to fishing in Caddo Lake in Harrison and Marion Counties; providing for a three-year closed season on crappie during the months of March, April and May; providing a limit on the number and size of crappie taken from these waters; providing a limit on the number and size of catfish taken from these waters; providing a penalty for violation; repealing conflicting laws; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 768, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the County Court at Law of Taylor County; providing for the adoption of the provisions of this Act by the Commissioners' Court of Taylor County; defining the jurisdiction of said court; regulating practice therein; prescribing the terms of said court; providing for a clerk thereof; providing for transfer of cases pending in the County Court to said court and limiting the jurisdiction of the County Court; creating the office of Judge of the County Court at Law of Taylor County; providing for the selection of the Judge of said court; prescribing his qualifications; fixing his compensation; providing for the appointment and compensation of a secretary and a reporter for said court; making certain other provisions

relating to said court; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 782, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending an Act now codified and appearing as Art. 2327d, Vernon's Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, Annotated, by making an addition thereto providing for salaries of Official Shorthand Reporters in County Courts in counties of not less than Five Hundred Thousand (500,000) inhabitants according to the last preceding Federal Census, or any future Federal Census, and providing for the manner of payment thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 785, A bill to be entitled "An Act applicable only to Lytle Lake, Taylor County, Texas, providing for a closed season on trotline fishing; limiting the number of hooks used on each pole and line or line to two; providing a penalty; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 832, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 7.14, Chapter 7, Revised Civil Statutes, Election Code of the State of Texas, as amended, providing for the transporting of voting machines within a county without the necessity of a certificate of convenience as required by Article 911b, Section 5a, Title 25 of Revised Civil Statutes of Texas and exempting such transportation from Article 1690b (a) of the Penal Code of Texas, repealing all laws in conflict therewith and creating an emergency."

H. B. No. 850, A bill to be entitled "An Act to abolish the office of County Attorney of Cass County, Texas; creating the constitutional office of Criminal District Attorney for Cass County; providing for the election and tenure of office and prescribing the qualifications, powers, duties, compensation and expenses of said office; providing for the appointment of a secretary and providing for her compensation; providing for the appointment of the Criminal District Attorney until the next general election and until his successor shall qualify; providing from the effective date of this Act that the District Attorney of the 5th Judicial District of Texas shall only represent the State of Texas in the county of Bowie and that the provisions of this Act shall not affect the office of District Attorney of the 5th Judicial

District in Bowie County and shall not affect the tenure of office and the duties and powers of such District Attorney in said county of Bowie and providing that the District Attorney of the 5th Judicial District shall only be elected for the county of Bowie and at the next general election and every four years thereafter and divesting the duties and powers of the District Attorney of the 5th Judicial District Court of Texas in Cass County from the District Attorney and investing them in the resident Criminal District Attorney of Cass County, Texas; providing for a severability clause; providing for a repealing clause; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 856, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend subsection (q) of Sec. 19 of S. B. No. 5, Chapter 465, Acts of the Second Called Session of the 44th Legislature, by changing the date that the officials named in said Act shall file their reports to the District Clerk from the 15th day of January following the close of the fiscal year to the first day of February following the close of the fiscal year; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 859, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the open season for squirrel in Nacogdoches, Sabine and San Augustine Counties; providing a penalty for violation; repealing conflicting laws; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 861, A bill to be entitled "An Act establishing the Fannin County Juvenile Board; prescribing its membership and powers and providing for compensation of its members; repealing conflicting laws; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 866, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 6954, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, which relates to certain stock law elections, so as to make it apply to King County; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 873, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing the devices which may be used for fishing in the public fresh waters of Haskell County; stating a rule of evidence; providing a penalty for violation of the Act; repealing conflicting laws; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 872, Making it lawful to take or catch rough fish in Wood County by use of 2 in. mesh net or seine.

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHY HALLMAN,
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

House Bill 85 on Second Reading

On motion of Senator Moore, and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration at this time on its second reading and passage to third reading:

H. B. No. 85, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending subsection 1 (b) of Section 8, Chapter 42, Acts of the 41st Legislature, Second Called Session, as amended, relating to operation by vehicles on highways; defining the term 'light commercial vehicle' and fixing maximum speed limits for light commercial vehicles; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Senator Moore offered the following committee amendment to the bill:

Amend House Bill No. 85 by striking out paragraphs (4) and (5) of the statute amended in Section 1 of the bill and by substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"(4) Forty-five (45) miles per hour at all hours in locations other than business or residence districts for commercial vehicles except commercial vehicles which are in authorized use as 'Highway Post Office' vehicles, and for truck-tractors, trailers, or semi-trailers, as defined in this Act.

"(5) Fifty-five (55) miles per hour at all hours in locations other than business or residence districts for any motor vehicle engaged in this State in the business of transporting passengers for compensation or hire or for any commercial vehicle which is in authorized use as a 'Highway Post Office' vehicle for furnishing highway post office service in transportation of the United States mail."

The committee amendment was adopted.

Senator Hardeman offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H. B. 85, Section 1, subsection (2), line 32 of the printed bill

by changing the words and figures "Sixty (60)" to "Sixty-five (65)."

The amendment was adopted.

Record of Vote

Senator Strauss asked to be recorded as voting "nay" on the adoption of the above amendment.

On motion of Senator Kelley Committee Amendment No. 2, which was a printed caption amendment, was not offered.

On motion of Senator Moore and by unanimous consent, the caption was amended to conform to the body of the bill as amended.

The bill, as amended, was passed to third reading.

House Bill 85 on Third Reading

Senator Moore moved that Senate Rule 32 and the Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House Bill No. 85 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—23

Aikin	Moffett
Ashley	Moore
Colson	Owen
Corbin	Parkhouse
Fly	Phillips
Fuller	Roberts
Hardeman	Rogers
Kelley	of Childress
Lane	Secrest
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Strauss
McDonald	Willis

Nays—3

Bracewell	Rogers of Travis
Martin	

Absent

Hazlewood	Weinert
Kazen	

Absent—Excused

Ratliff	Wagonseller
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The President Pro Tempore then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Record of Votes

Senators Strauss, Rogers of Travis, Bracewell and Shireman asked to be recorded as voting "nay" on the final passage of H. B. No. 85.

Report of Standing Committee

Senator Shireman, by unanimous consent, submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas,
April 6, 1954.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Game and Fish, to whom was referred S. B. No. 393, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

SHIREMAN, Chairman.

Senate Bill 393 Ordered Not Printed

On motion of Senator Strauss and by unanimous consent, S. B. No. 393 was ordered not printed.

House Bill 551 on Second Reading

On motion of Senator Roberts and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration at this time on its second reading and passage to third reading:

H. B. No. 551, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 13 of Chapter 110, page 193, Acts 51st Legislature, 1949, by adding a new section to be known as Section 13 (r) providing for construction of dam at Iron Bridge Crossing on Sabine River; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill 551 on Third Reading

Senator Roberts moved that Senate Rule 32 and the Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House Bill No. 551 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—24

Aikin
Ashley

Bracewell
Colson

Fly
Hardeman
Kazen
Kelley
Latimer
Lock
Martin
McDonald
Moffett
Moore
Owen

Parkhouse
Phillips
Roberts
Rogers
of Childress
Rogers of Travis
Secrest
Shireman
Strauss
Willis

Nays—2

Fuller

Lane

Absent

Corbin
Hazlewood

Weinert

Absent—Excused

Ratliff

Wagonseller

The President Pro Tempore then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21

Aikin
Ashley
Bracewell
Colson
Fly
Kazen
Kelley
Latimer
Lock
Martin
McDonald

Moffett
Moore
Owen
Parkhouse
Phillips
Roberts
Rogers
of Childress
Secrest
Shireman
Willis

Nays—2

Fuller

Lane

Absent

Corbin
Hardeman
Hazlewood

Rogers of Travis
Strauss
Weinert

Absent—Excused

Ratliff

Wagonseller

House Bill 24 on Second Reading

On motion of Senator Kelley and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up for consideration at this time on its second reading and passage to third reading:

H. B. No. 24, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 106, Sen-

ate Bill No. 172, Chapter 421, Acts of the 50th Legislature, Regular Session, 1947, as amended, being Article 6710d, Section 106, Vernon's Revised Civil Statutes, Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways, by adding to the present law a provision allowing one (1) motor vehicle to draw not more than two (2) vehicles by the dual saddle mount method; retaining the present provisions of Section 106; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to third reading.

House Bill 24 on Third Reading

Senator Kelley moved that Senate Rule 32 and the Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House Bill No. 24 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—27

Aikin	McDonald
Ashley	Moffett
Bracewell	Moore
Colson	Owen
Corbin	Parkhouse
Fly	Phillips
Fuller	Roberts
Hardeman	Rogers
Kazen	of Childress
Kelley	Rogers of Travis
Lane	Secrest
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Strauss
Martin	Willis

Absent

Hazlewood Weinert

Absent—Excused

Ratliff Wagonseller

The President Pro Tempore then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—25

Aikin	Fuller
Ashley	Hardeman
Bracewell	Kazen
Colson	Kelley
Corbin	Lane
Fly	Latimer

Lock	Rogers
McDonald	of Childress
Moffett	Rogers of Travis
Moore	Secrest
Owen	Shireman
Parkhouse	Strauss
Roberts	Willis

Nays—2

Martin Phillips

Absent

Hazlewood Weinert

Absent—Excused

Ratliff Wagonseller

Senate Resolution 209

Senator Ashley offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the gallery the Seventh Grade Class of the Bandera Elementary School, accompanied by Mrs. L. R. Vaughn, teacher; and

Whereas, These students and guests are on an educational tour of the Capitol Building and the Capital City; and

Whereas, This fine class of young American citizens is here to observe and learn firsthand the workings of their State Government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we officially recognize and welcome this class and commend them for their interest, and that a copy of this resolution, properly endorsed, bearing the official seal of the Senate, be mailed to them in recognition of their visit.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Ashley, by unanimous consent, presented the students and Mrs. Vaughn to the Members of the Senate.

Senate Bill 63 with House Amendments

Senator Ashley called S. B. No. 63 from the President's table for consideration of the House amendments to the bill.

The President Pro Tempore laid the bill and House amendments before the Senate, and the House amendments were read.

Senator Ashley moved that the Senate concur in the House amendments.

The motion prevailed.

Record of Vote

Senator Willis asked to be recorded as voting "nay" on the above motion.

Senate Bill 394 on First Reading

Senator McDonald moved that Senate Rule 114 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended to permit his introducing at this time, a bill, the provisions of which he explained.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—28

Aikin	McDonald
Ashley	Moffett
Bracewell	Moore
Colson	Owen
Corbin	Parkhouse
Fly	Phillips
Fuller	Roberts
Hardeman	Rogers
Hazlewood	of Childress
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Kelley	Secrest
Lane	Shireman
Latimer	Strauss
Lock	Willis
Martin	

Absent

Weinert

Absent—Excused

Ratliff

Wagonseller

The following bill was then introduced, read first time and referred to the committee indicated:

By Senator McDonald:

S. B. No. 394, A bill to be entitled "An Act establishing County Juvenile Board in Wood County and Upshur County; prescribing membership organization, duties and compensation of its members; repealing conflicting laws; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Notice of Executive Session

Senator Aikin gave notice that he

would on next Monday, April 11, 1955, call an Executive Session for the purpose of considering Nominations of the Governor.

Adjournment

Senator Hardeman moved that the Senate stand adjourned until 11:00 o'clock a. m. on Monday, April 11, 1955.

Senator Phillips moved that the Senate stand adjourned until 10:00 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, April 12, 1955.

Senator Moffett raised the point of order that the motion by Senator Phillips was out of order, because the Constitution forbids the Senate to adjourn for more than three days without the consent of the House and consent had been given by H. C. R. No. 83 to adjourn only until Monday, April 11, 1955.

The President Pro Tempore sustained the point of order.

Senator Phillips then moved to adjourn until 11:59 o'clock p. m. on Monday, April 11, 1955.

Senator Kazen moved to adjourn until 2:00 o'clock p. m. on Monday, April 11, 1955.

Question first on the motion to adjourn until 11:59 o'clock p. m. on Monday, April 11, 1955, the motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—8

Bracewell	Moore
Corbin	Phillips
Fuller	Rogers
Kelley	of Childress
	Strauss

Nays—19

Aikin	McDonald
Ashley	Moffett
Colson	Owen
Fly	Parkhouse
Hardeman	Roberts
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Lane	Secrest
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Willis
Martin	

Absent

Hazlewood

Weinert

Absent—Excused

Ratliff Wagonseller

Question next on the motion to adjourn until 2:00 o'clock p. m. on Monday, April 11, 1955, the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, the Senate at 11:45 o'clock a. m. adjourned until 2:00 o'clock p. m. on Monday, April 11, 1955.

Record of Votes

Senators Colson, Phillips and Willis asked to be recorded as voting "Nay" on the motion to adjourn.

FORTY-FIFTH DAY

(Monday, April 11, 1955)

The Senate met at 2:00 o'clock p. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Owen
Ashley	Parkhouse
Bracewell	Phillips
Colson	Ratliff
Corbin	Roberts
Fly	Rogers
Hardeman	of Childress
Kazen	Rogers of Travis
Kelley	Secrest
Latimer	Shireman
Lock	Strauss
Martin	Wagonseller
Moffett	Weinert
Moore	Willis

Absent

Hazlewood Lane

Absent—Excused

Fuller McDonald

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation as follows:

Our Father, we thank Thee for the glorious message and meaning of Easter. Teach us that the enemies did not kill Christ; but that He still lives in the lives of multiplied millions. Fix our faith and affections on the fact that His truth will ultimately triumph. In His name we pray. Amen.

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, April 7, 1955, were dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

Leaves of Absence

Senator Fuller was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Shireman.

Senator McDonald was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Martin.

Message From the House

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
April 11, 1955.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. C. R. 82, Paying tribute to the Honorable Sam Rayburn of Texas.

H. B. No. 80, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Sections 61, 62, and 187 of the Election Code of the State of Texas (codified as Articles 6.05, 6.06 and 13.09 in Vernon's Texas Election Code) so as to eliminate provisions for alternate methods of marking ballots and so as to provide that the scratch method shall be the method for marking ballots; changing certain provisions relative to voting for write-in candidates; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 191, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring a special audit of county records in any county upon a petition of at least thirty per cent (30%) of the qualified voters of the county; providing for the employment of an auditor for such special audits; providing for qualifications; duties and compensation; requiring such audit to be filed with the district court having jurisdiction in the county and the State Auditor; providing this Act shall be cumulative and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 291, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it a misdemeanor for any person to enter the premises of another for the purpose of looking